

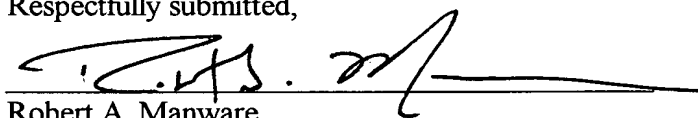
REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-9, 11-21, 23 and 24 were pending. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 11, 13 and 23, and objected to claims 2-9, 12, 14-21 and 24. Specifically, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 11, 13 and 23 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 12, 13, 25 and 26, respectively, U.S. Pat. No. 6,575,901 B2. In response to the Examiner's rejection, Applicants hereby file a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), attached hereto as Appendix "A," to overcome the Examiner's double patenting rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer is sufficient to overcome the Examiner's rejections and that all claims are currently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection and allowance of claims 1-9, 11-21, 23 and 24.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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